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The Honorable Dennis M. Cavanaugh, U.S.D.J.

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50 Walnut Street

Newark, New Jersey 07101

**RE: *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytorin/Zetia Securities Litigation,*
Civil Action No. 08-2177 (DMC) (JAD)**

Dear Judge Cavanaugh:

In advance of the upcoming conference with the Court on August 31, 2011 regarding Lead Plaintiffs' motion to amend the original complaint in the above-referenced action, I write on behalf of the Lead Plaintiffs to submit a slightly revised amended complaint (attached) that Lead Plaintiffs intend to submit in the event that the Court grants Lead Plaintiffs' motion.

Lead Plaintiffs submitted a proposed amended complaint with their motion for leave. The attached amended complaint is meant to *replace* that document. The changes in the attached amended complaint to the one previously submitted are limited to the following:

- Paragraph 165 has been amended to (a) describe more specifically the employment position of CW 8 at Merck, and (b) change the end date of his Merck employment. This information was clarified at CW 8's deposition, which took place after Lead Plaintiffs filed their motion to amend.

- Paragraphs 356 and 357 have been added. These allegations relate to a statement that Lead Plaintiffs contend is false and misleading. The statements were inadvertently not included in our prior submission.

The Honorable Dennis M. Cavanaugh, U.S.D.J.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

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